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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB) OFFICIALLY
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C) PANAMA 1802, MARCH 31, 1975; D) PANAMA 5522, SEPT 18,
1974

1. THE UNION OF BANANA EXPORTING COUNTRIES (UPEB), WHOSE
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTER WAS PROVISIONALLY APPROVED

SEPTEMBER 18, 1974 (REF D), WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN PANAMA ON JANUARY 23, 1976. ON THAT DATE, REPS HONDURAS AND COLOMBIA RATIFIED THE CHARTER. COSTA RICA AND PANAMA HAD ALREADY DONE SO THUS PROVIDING THE REQUIRED QUORUM.

2. GUATEMALA HAS YET TO RATIFY THE CHARTER (REF B), ECUADOR- WHICH SUPPLIES ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF THE WORLD MARKET AND WHOSE BANANAS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO EXPORT TAX, SO FAR HAS SHOWN NO RPT NO INTEREST IN UPEB. REPORTEDLY, NICARAGUA, MEXICO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND IVORY COAST MAY JOIN SOON.

3. UPEB REPS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN TEGUCIGALPA DURING FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY TO DISCUSS THE LONG-PROJECTED LATING AMERICAN COMPANY, WHICH IS SAID TO BE PET PROJECT OF FERDINAND MANFREDO, JR., FORMERLY GOP MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, NOW MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY.

4. UNITED BRANDS (UB) STILL CONSIDERS UPEB PAPER-TIGER INSTRUMENT (REF A), BECAUSE OF ECUADOR'S CONTINUED ABSTENTION (REF C).
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